

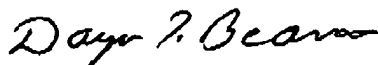
**Applicants: Barry D. Allen****Art Unit: 1754****Serial No.: 09/923,254****Confirmation No.: 2536****Filing Date: August 2, 2001****Examiner: Wayne A. Langel****For: Process to Convert Oxidizers to Nitric Acid****Attorney Docket No.: AMPC 5003**

Remarks

The Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 for the use of improper Markush terminology and the use of a vague and indefinite phrase for concentrations has been addressed by amending the claims to employ the proper terminology and to state a more specific range of concentrations. It is believed that these amendments should place the application in an allowable status. The Examiner's comments and suggestions for these two issues are most appreciated.

The undersigned (telephone number (256) 876-8195) may be contacted regarding future prosecution of this application.

Respectfully,



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